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To The Honorable Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks  
Attn: Mail Stop Petition  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: U.S. Reissue Application 09/458,132 for U.S. Patent No. 5,842,629 "VERI  
MAG PACK"; Filed: 02/16/00; Inventors: William R. Sprague & Steven W.  
Sprague.

LAW  
BUSINESS Dear Sir:  
TECHNOLOGY

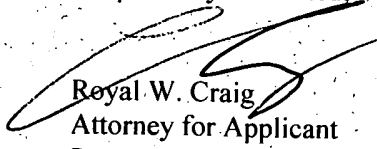
In response to the Notice of Abandonment dated 11 August 2004, enclosed are  
the following documents:

1. One (1) Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.181
2. One (1) Declaration under 37 CFR Section 2.20
3. One (1) Copy of Amendment and Response to Official Action dated November 18,  
2003
4. One (1) Copy of Notice of Abandonment
5. One (1) Copy of the returned post card timely date stamped by the Patent and  
Trademark Office
6. Our post card. Please date stamp and return.

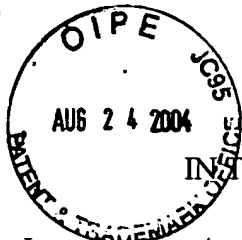
Please charge any unanticipated fees to our Deposit Account No. 03-3565 (a  
duplicate copy of this charge authorization is attached.)

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Royal W. Craig  
Attorney for Applicant  
Reg. No. 34,145

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on August 24, 2004, one copy of the above-referenced  
documents were deposited with the United States Postal Service for delivery by Express Mail  
to the United States Patent and Trademark Office.



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE 528-52

In re Reissue Application of:

SPRAGUE et al.

Reissue Application No. 09/458,132

Art Unit: 3629

Filed: February 16, 2000

Primary Examiner: Michael J. Fisher

For Patent No. 5,842,629

Title: VERI MAG PACK

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT PURSUANT TO  
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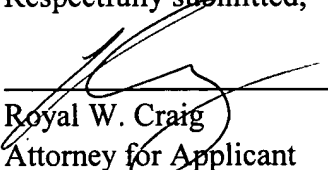
This Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.181 is submitted together with the requisite statement by applicant about the facts involved and the point or points to be reviewed. The facts are straightforward.

Applicant received a Notice of Abandonment dated 11 August 2004, in which abandonment was predicated on Applicant's failure to timely reply to the Official Action dated 18 November 2003. However, Applicant had timely replied to said Official Action, and a copy of Applicant's Reply with timely date-stamped post card is attached to the Statement by Applicant. Though timely filed, it appears that the Reply was diverted and

simply failed to make it into the file.

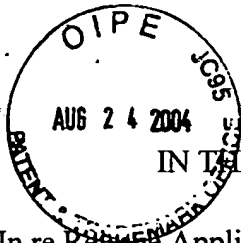
In view of the above Petition and attached Declaration of Royal W. Craig, prosecuting attorney, it is submitted that abandonment of this application was in error and that a favorable decision on this petition is in order. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment be withdrawn and Applicant's Reply be considered.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Royal W. Craig  
Attorney for Applicant  
Reg. No. 34,145

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR SECTION 2.20

To The Honorable Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I, Royal W. Craig, being duly sworn, states that I am presently attorney of record for the Applicants and owner of the above-identified application, as shown by the records in the United States Patent and Trademark Office. I further declare and state the following.

1. Applicant received a Notice of Abandonment dated 11 August 2004, in which abandonment was predicated on Applicant's failure to timely reply to the Official Action

dated 18 November 2003. However, Applicant had timely replied to said Official Action.

2. Applicant had timely filed a Response to the Official Action on 19 April 2004, together with a Request for Two-month Extension of Time and fee (extending the response date to April 18, 2004, and effectively to April 19, 2004 as the foregoing was a Sunday.

3. , A complete copy of Applicant 's Response is attached hereto which includes the return Post Card timely date-stamped by the Patent and Trademark Office. Though timely filed, it appears that the Reply was simply diverted and failed to make it into the file.

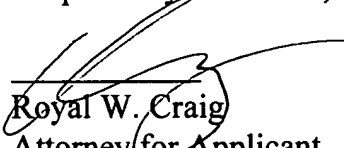
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I declare that all statements made of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

I further declare that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or by both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-referenced application.

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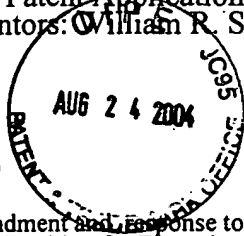
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IN RE

U.S. Patent Application 09/458,132 for "VERI MAG PACK"; Filed: February 16, 2000;  
Inventors: William R. Sprague & Steven W. Sprague; Art Unit: 3629; Examiner: Fisher, Micha  
J.



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3. Submission of substitute formal drawings for figures 1 to 2 (3 sheets).
4. One (1) Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent Application to Correct "Errors" Statement (37 CFR 1.175) (PTO/SB/51S form) duly executed (1 pp).
5. One (1) Reissue Application Declaration by the Inventor (PTO/SB/51 form) duly executed (2 pp).
6. One (1) Reissue Application Declaration by the Assignee (PTO/SB/52) duly executed (1 pp).
7. Our check No. 1063 in the amount of \$210.00 to cover the filing fee for the petition for extension.
8. Our post card. Please date stamp and return.

DATE FILED: April 19, 2004

CLIENT/MATTER: SPRAGUE-REI-1

DUE DATE: April 19, 2004

CLIENT NAME: William R. Sprague &  
Steven W. Sprague

ATTY/SEC.: RWC/mc

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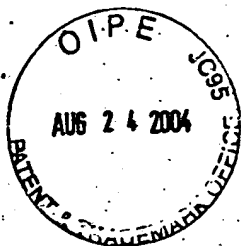
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### FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Fee
a. Total Effective Claims*	<u>6</u>	minus** <u>16</u>	= <u>0</u>	X \$ 9.00 = \$ <u>00.00</u>
b. Independent Claims*	<u>3</u>	minus*** <u>3</u>	= <u>0</u>	X \$39.00 = \$ <u>00.00</u>
c. Amendment enters multiple dependent claim(s) in application, add \$130.00+				
d. Original due date:	[x] <u>February 18, 2004</u>			\$ <u>210.00</u>

**TOTAL FEE** \$210.00

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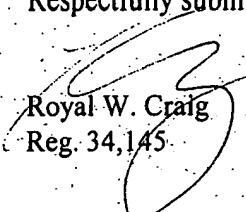
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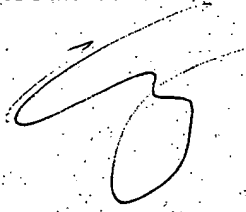
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Respectfully submitted,



Royal W. Craig  
Reg. 34,145

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on April 19, 2004, one copy of the above-referenced documents were transmitted by Express Mail to the United States Patent and Trademark Office.





IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE 528-52

In re Reissue Application of:

SPRAGUE et al.

Reissue Application No. 09/458,132

Art Unit: 3629

Filed: February 16, 2000

Primary Examiner: Michael J. Fisher

For Patent No. 5,842,629

Title: VERI MAG PACK

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AMENDMENT

To The Honorable Commissioner  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated 18 November 2003, the time to respond which is herein extended by two (2) months to April 18, 2004, please enter the following Amendment.

REMARKS

The present application was filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 251 as a reissue application of U.S. Patent No. 5,842,629 filed on August 9, 1996 and granted on December 1, 1998. The present amendment is in response to the Official Action dated 18 November 2003. Further consideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner again objected to the reissue oath/declaration filed with this application under 37 CFR 1.175(a)(1) and MPEP § 1414 on the ground that it failed to state that there was no deceptive intent and did not specifically identify at least one error which is relied upon to support the reissue application. Similarly, claims 1-4 and 16-17 were rejected as being based upon a defective declaration

under 35 U.S.C. 251. Applicant already submitted a corrective reissue oath/declaration along with its Amendment filed January 3, 2002 for the same purpose, and must therefore assume that the Examiner seeks more specificity in regard to the error which is relied upon to support the reissue application. Consequently, Applicant submits herewith another new reissue oath/declaration which specifically avers that there was no deceptive intent and more clearly identifies the particular error relied upon to support this reissue application.

The Examiner objected to the reissue application under 37 CFR 1.172(a) as lacking the written consent of all assignees owning an undivided interest in the patent, noting that the paper marked as "Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is not a proper assent. Applicant submits herewith a Reissue Application Declaration by the Assignee which provides Sprague Licensing Corporation's (the Assignee's) assent to this reissue application.

The Examiner required new substitute drawings incorporating approved changes to FIGs. 1 and 2. New substitute FIGs. 1 and 2 are submitted herewith which show the non-confidential printed data and printed interior as previously submitted and approved by drawing change request.

The Examiner had indicated that a new copy of the reissue application is required under 37 CFR 1.173 in the form of a copy of the printed patent, in double column format, each page on only one side of a single sheet of paper. However, upon further discussion with the Examiner it was noted that the present application was filed effective December 10, 1999, prior to the effective date of amended 37 CFR 1.173. At the time of filing (and as specified at M.P.E.P. 1411), reissue applications filed prior to November 7, 2000 should be furnished in the form of cut-up soft copies of the original patent, with only a single column of the printed patent securely mounted on a separate sheet of paper. Inasmuch as this is how the original reissue application was provided it is not believed that a double-column copy is required, and again this was conformed in further discussions with the Examiner. If the Examiner concludes that something more is required in this regard he is invited to call the undersigned who will promptly supply the requested items.

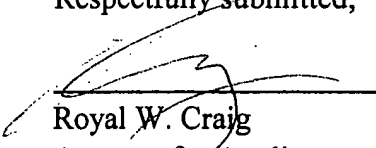
Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's indication that a Supplemental Reissue

Oath/Declaration is required under 37 CFR 1.175(b)(1) before this reissue application can be allowed, and a proper Supplemental Reissue Oath/Declaration with the indicated language has been executed by the inventors and is enclosed herewith.

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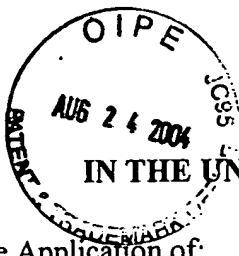
In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that this reissue application is now in condition for allowance, and such a Notice is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Appl. No.: 09/458,132

Group Art Unit: 3629

Filed: February 16, 2000

Examiner: Fisher, Michael J.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (2-MONTHS)

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Applicant hereby petitions for one (1) month extension in which to respond to the Office Action dated November 18, 2003, the time to response being herein extended until 18 April 2004. The requisite fee for this extension is 1 month, small entity (\$210.00) as calculated from the date of the Official Action.

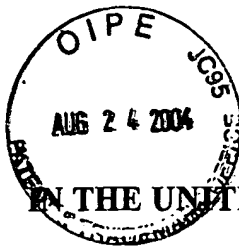
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Sir:

Attached hereto are 2 sheets of new substitute drawings (for Figs. 1 to 2) showing the non-confidential printed data and printed interior as previously submitted and approved by drawing change request.

Respectfully submitted,

Royal W. Craig  
Attorney for Applicant  
Reg. No. 34,145  
Date: April 19, 2004

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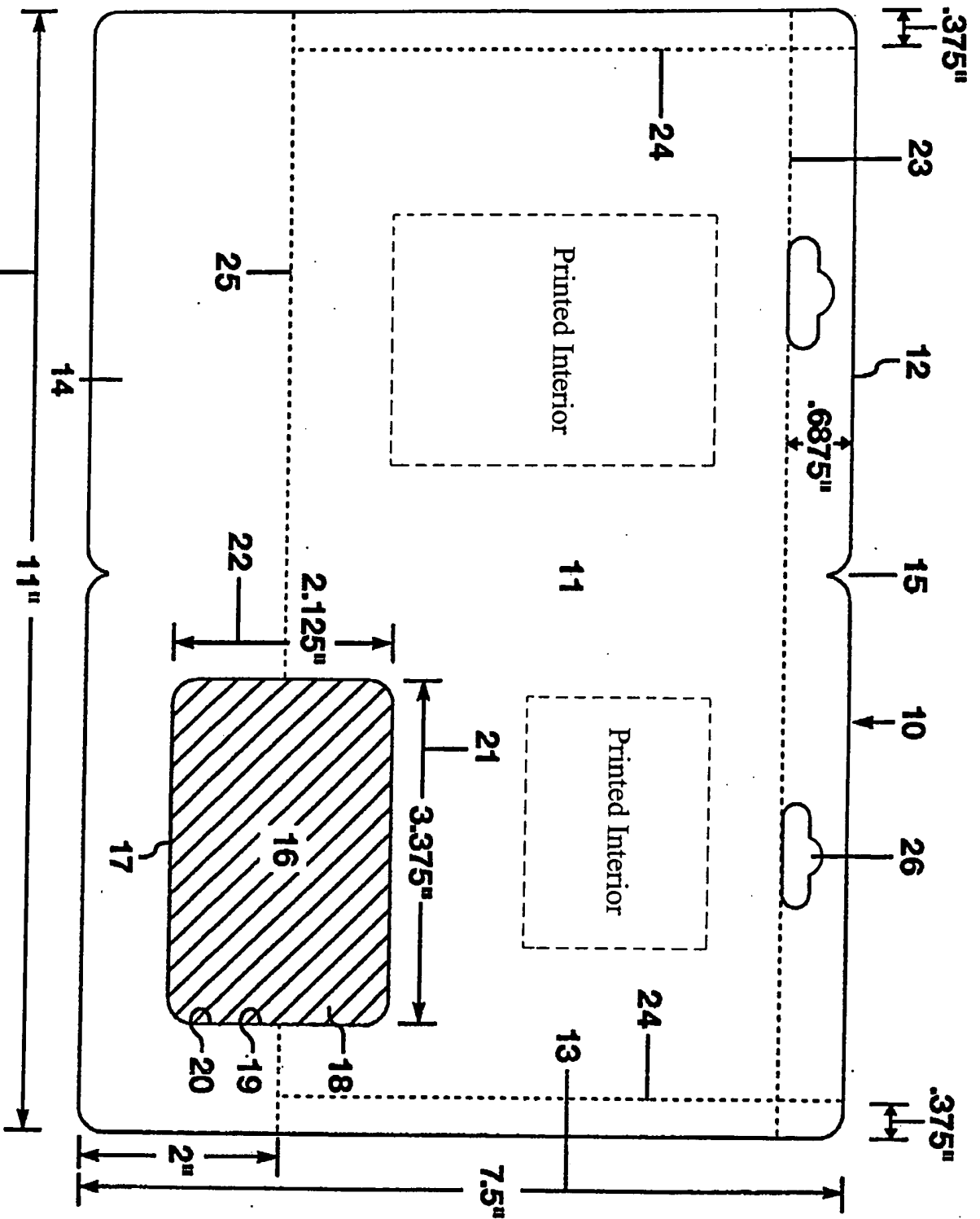


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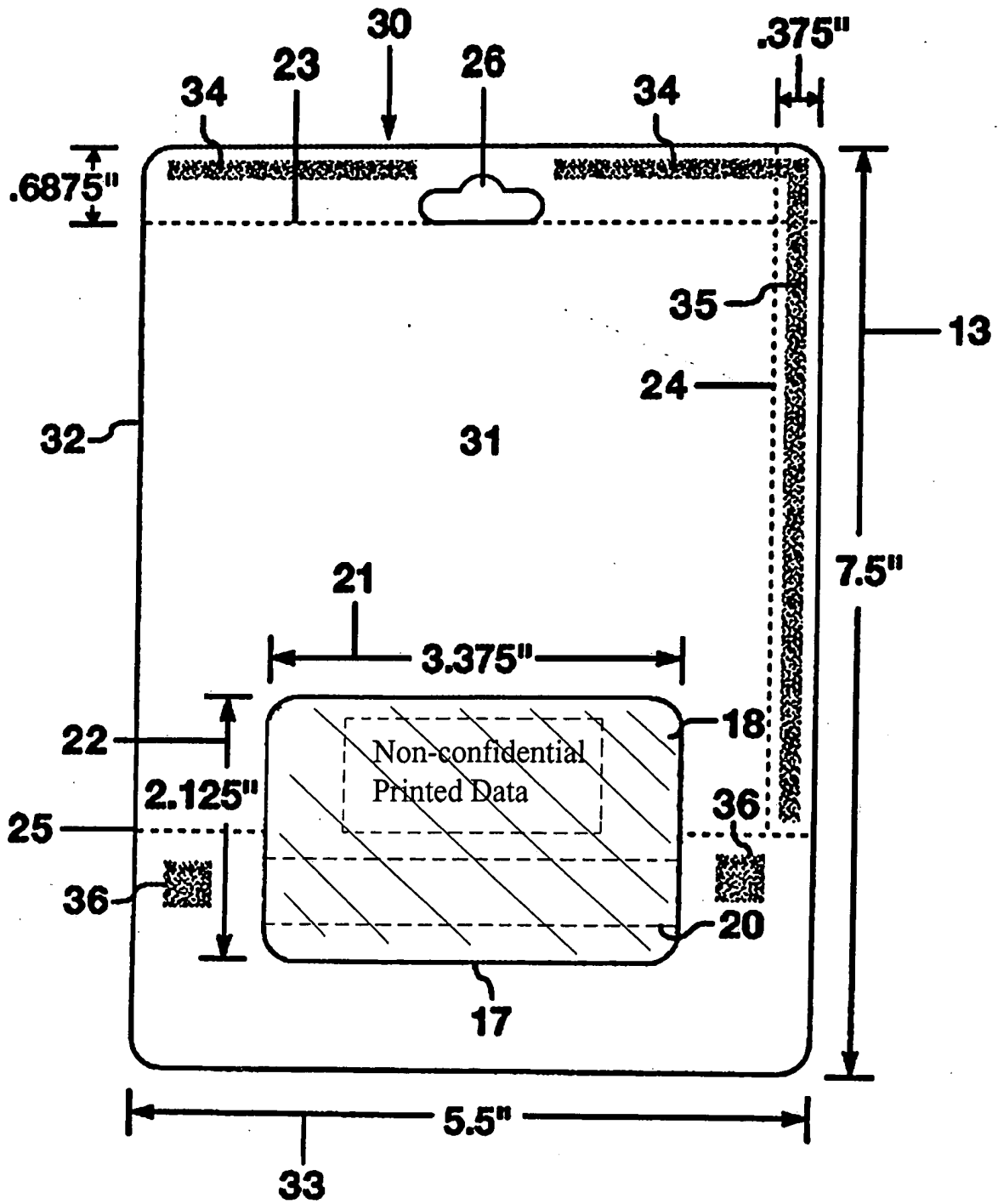


FIG. 2





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**SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION  
FOR REISSUE  
PATENT APPLICATION  
TO CORRECT "ERRORS" STATEMENT  
(37 CFR 1.175)**

Attorney Docket Number	SPRAGUE-REI-1
First Named Inventor	William R. Sprague
<b>COMPLETE</b>	
Application Number	09/458,132
Filing Date	February 16, 2000
Art Unit	3629
Examiner Name	Fisher, Michael J.

I/We hereby declare that:

Every error in the patent which was corrected in the present reissue application, and which is not covered by the prior oath(s) and/or declaration(s) submitted in this application, arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

I/We hereby declare that all statements made herein of my/our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Name of Sole or First Inventor:		<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor	
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Inventor's Signature	<i>William R. Sprague</i>	Date	3/30/04
Name of Second Inventor:		<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor	
Given Name (first and middle [if any])		Family Name or Surname	
Steven W.		SPRAGUE	
Inventor's Signature	<i>Steven W. Sprague</i>	Date	3/30/04
Name of Third Inventor:		<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor	
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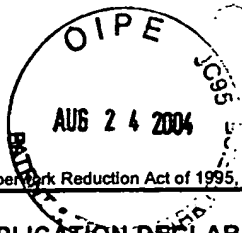
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☐ Additional inventors or legal representatives(s) are being named on the \_\_\_\_\_ supplemental sheets PTO/SB/02A or 02LR attached hereto.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.175. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 1.8 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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## REISSUE APPLICATION/DECLARATION BY THE ASSIGNEE

Docket Number (optional)

SPRAGUE-REI-1

I hereby declare that:

The residence, mailing address and citizenship of the inventors are stated below.

I am authorized to act on behalf of the following assignee: Sprague Licensing Companyand the title of my position with said assignee is: President

The entire title to the patent identified below is vested in said assignee.

Inventor William R. Sprague

Citizenship US

Residence/Mailing Address 3254 Murray Road, Finksburg, MD 21048

Inventor Steven W. Sprague

Citizenship US

Residence/Mailing Address 16605 Winterwoods Ct, Rockville, MD 20853

☐ Additional Inventors are named on separately numbered sheets attached hereto.

Patent Number 5,842,629

Date of Patent Issued 12-01-1998

Title of Invention VERI MAG PACK

I believe said inventor(s) to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in said patent, for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled:

VERI MAG PACK

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.☒ was filed on February 16, 2000 as reissue application number 09 / 458,132and was amended on February 16, 2000, December 15, 2000, July 6, 2001, December 3, 2001, March 27, 2002, August 6, 2002, October 9, 2002, January 9, 2003  
(If applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

☐ I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b). Attached is form PTO/SB/02B (or equivalent) listing the foreign applications.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)

☐ by reason of a defective specification or drawing.☒ by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent.☒ by reason of other errors.

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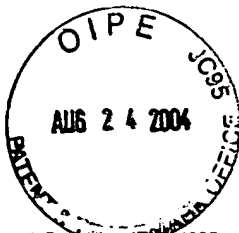
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**REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE ASSIGNEE**

Docket Number (Optional)

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described as follows:

1. The patentees claimed less than they had the right to claim in the patent. In particular, the patentees included unnecessary limitations directed to the material of which the package is made, the manner in which it is imprinted, the presence of perforations, and the composition of the transparent window.
2. There are defects in the specification. In particular, there are grammatical and punctuation errors.

[Attach additional sheets, if needed.]

All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

I hereby appoint:



Practitioners at Customer Number:

OR



Practitioner(s) named below:

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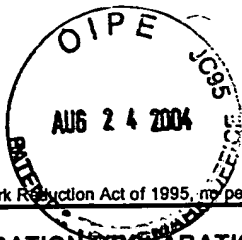
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I believe the inventors named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 5,842,629, granted December 1, 1998 and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled \_\_\_\_\_

VERI MAG PACK

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.☒ was filed on February 16, 2000 as reissue application number 09/458,132

and was amended on February 16, 2000, December 15, 2000, July 6, 2001, December 3, 2001,  
March 27, 2002, August 6, 2002, October 9, 2002, January 9, 2003  
(If applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

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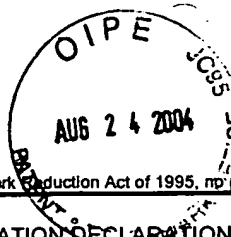
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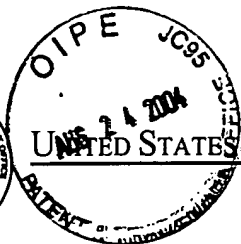
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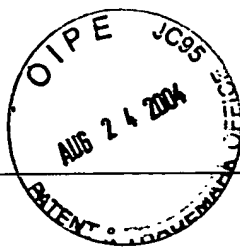
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This application is abandoned in view of:

1. ☒ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 18 November 2003.
  - (a) ☐ A reply was received on \_\_\_\_\_ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated \_\_\_\_\_), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of \_\_\_\_\_ month(s)) which expired on \_\_\_\_\_.
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  - (d) ☒ No reply has been received.
2. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
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  - (b) ☐ The submitted fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is insufficient. A balance of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is due.  
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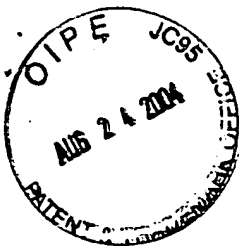
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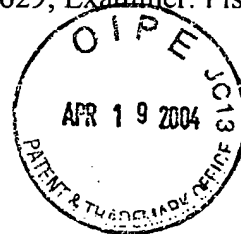


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1. Amendment and response to Official Action dated November 18, 2003.
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7. Our check No. 1062 in the amount of \$210.00 to cover the filing fee for the petition for extension.
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